# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has taken any decision to provide a special package to the agriculture sector with a view to boost agricultural production in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details and targets likely to be achieved as a result of implementation of this package?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Five Year Plans and Annual Plans formulated by the Department are comprehensive, covering all aspects of the agriculture production targeted at augmentation of the agricultural production. In Annual Plan 2004-05, major schemes identified as thrust areas for focused implementation to enhance agricultural production & productivity interalia include:-

-? Macro Management of Agriculture consisting of 27 schemes for production of cereals and coarse cereals, sugarcane, jute, watershed development, horticulture and cooperation.
-? On Farm Water Management for increasing Crop Production in Eastern India.
-? Technology Mission on Cotton.
-? Technology Mission on Coconut.
-? Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal.
-? Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm & Maize (ISOPOM).

Under Risk Management, a number of schemes like National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS), Minimum Support Price (MSP), Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) as a safety nets for the farmers are being implemented.

In the field of marketing & storage and to address the problems of post harvest management, schemes for Construction of Cold Storages, Rural Godowns and Development of Market Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization are being implemented.

To promote agricultural extension, Department is implementing the schemes of Kisan Call Centre, Mass Media Support to Agriculture Extension, establishment of Agri-Clinics and Agri. Business by Agriculture Graduates.

The production of agricultural commodities in a particular year depends on the weather conditions in a particular year depends on the weather conditions. During 2002-03 and 2003-04, foodgrain production to the extent of 174.19 Million Tonnes and 212.06 Million Tonnes (as per 4th Advanced Estimate) has been achieved respectively.